WASHINGTON- Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (NY-28) Ranking Member of the House Rules Committee, today condemned the passage of an amendment that would undermine reforms put in place in the wake of Continental Connection flight 3407's crash in Clarence, NY.

Slaughter spent her time on the House floor this morning lobbying many of her Republican colleagues to reject an amendment offered by Congressman Shuster of Pennsylvania. Despite that effort, the amendment passed by a vote of 215-209. The roll call vote is available here.

"I am ashamed by the actions of the House today which voted to allow this short-sighted amendment to move forward. It is shameful and poses a threat to everyone stepping onto an airplane," said Slaughter. "This is an insult to the family members of Flight 3407 who have worked so unselfishly to protect the flying public. Our effort to defeat this series of loopholes is not over and I will certainly be working with the family members to fight any and all attempts to weaken the important safety provisions we fought so hard to create."

Slaughter railed against the amendment yesterday on the House floor and also on Wednesday in the Rules Committee when she proposed to strike the Shuster amendment. That effort was defeated after a partisan vote in the Rules Committee.

Video of Slaughter on the House floor: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V_4yd6VYyFs

Video of Slaughter in the Rules Committee: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ImXbA-PAV4A